

**NOVEL IMMUNOGLOBULIN SUPERFAMILY MEMBERS APEX-1, APEX-2
AND APEX-3 AND USES THEREOF**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides the nucleotide and amino acid sequences of *apex-1*, *-2*, and *-3*, encoding novel APEX proteins APEX-1, APEX-2, and APEX-3, which are novel gene members of the CD2 subgroup of the immunoglobulin superfamily.

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